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This Week at Cowes Enterprise College...



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The Week That Was...

This week at Cowes we are delighted to welcome everyone back after what we hope was a restful Christmas break.

This week marked the start of the spring term, with students returning on Tuesday and settling quickly back into routines following our Staff Development Day. It has been great to see such a positive start across the school, and we are proud of how well students have re-engaged with learning.

We are also looking ahead to this evening's virtual Year 11 Parents' Evening and the opportunities the term ahead will bring.

From the Principal's Desk

By Rachel Kitley, Principal

Earlier this week, you will have received the news that I will be stepping down as Principal of Cowes Enterprise College at the end of this term, as I join Ofsted to become an His Majesty's Inspector, leading school inspections across the South East. I wanted to take the opportunity, through this newsletter, to share a more personal note with you.

Leading our school over the past nine years has been a huge privilege, and I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved together. Everything the school has accomplished has been driven by the dedication and professionalism of staff, the ambition of our students, and the support of families and the wider Cowes community.

CEC has been a place of both challenge and opportunity, and a school where learning, growth and improvement have always been collective efforts. It has been an honour to work alongside you all as we have continued to put students first and strengthen the school year on year.

Moving to the Island was a big decision for my family and me all those years ago, but from the moment we arrived we were made to feel welcome. The warmth, loyalty and support shown by the school community have meant a great deal to us and is something we will always be grateful for, particularly as we potentially relocate – in the fullness of time – back to the mainland.

Although leaving has been an extremely difficult decision to make, and not one that I have taken lightly, I do so knowing that the school is now in one of the strongest positions it has ever been in and well placed to continue building on the progress we have made together. So I'd like to thank you, as always, for your continued support. It has been a genuine privilege to serve this community.

In the meantime, I will very much be continuing to lead our school through the Spring term, and look forward to working with you all in the weeks and months to come.



Notice Board

- **Thursday 8th January** - Virtual Year 11 Parents' Evening
- **Thursday 12th February** - Virtual Year 10 Parents' Evening
- **Thursday 12th February** - Teen Booster Immunisations
- **Friday 13th February** - Last day before Half Term
- **16th - 20th February** - Half Term Break
- **Monday 23rd February** - Staff Development Day
- **Tuesday 24th February** - Students back to school



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